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Vinson Orders Inquiry On 5 Defense Agencies

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Chairman Carl Vinson yesterday ordered a special House Armed Services subcommittee to investigate at least five military agencies under the direct control of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. would center on defense agencies that have been created, or are contemplated, in McNamara's office which have activities formerly handled by the separate services.

Vinson, who tangled with McNamara recently over funds for the RS-70 supersonic warplane, named Rep. Porter Hardy Jr. (D-Va.) as head of the two-man inquiry. The other member is Rep. William H. Bates (R-Mass.).

Hardy announced that his investigation would cover such organizations as the Defense Supply Agency, the Defense Communications Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Defense Atomic Support Agency.

Hardy said the National Security Act leaves no doubt as to McNamara's authority to direct and control the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Hardy said the inquiry